

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Monday, October 31, 2005

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Ebert and Commissioner Meyer.

**6720-TI-196 - Petition of SBC Wisconsin for Suspension of Wisconsin Statute sec. 196.196(1) With Regard to Basic Local Exchange Service**

The Commission discussed the record in this docket including the following:

1. The definition of the relevant market for basic local exchange services and the extent to which packages and other intermodel offerings were reasonable substitutes.
2. Whether effective competition for local telecommunications services does exist in the relevant market in Wisconsin considering the factors in Wis. Stat. § 196.195(2)(a).
3. Whether competition with reduced regulation is consistent with the public interest.

As a result of the discussion, the Commission determined that:

1. SBC Wisconsin shall be allowed to increase its basic monthly rates during the next two years to no more than \$2.50 per year. At the end of the two-year period, all price cap regulation shall be suspended.
2. Prices shall be set at the group rate level and promotions uniformly offered throughout a rate group.
3. SBC Wisconsin is directed to work with Commission staff to identify key data to be retained to monitor the impact of the Commissions' decisions on the relevant market. Commission staff shall report back to the Commission regarding the impacts of these decisions in one year.

The Commission directed staff to prepare a final order that should be brought back to the Open Meeting for final review and approval by the Commission.

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